

Labour Force - 1996 Census Results - Northwest Territories

On May 14, 1996, Statistics Canada conducted a census of all households in Canada. This report provides results on labour force activities for the Northwest Territories. The release dates for all variables measured by the Census can be found at the end of this document.

Table 96.1 presents key labour market measures by age for the Northwest Territories for each census period between 1981 and 1996. During this 15 year period, employment increased at a faster rate (57%) than the population 15 years of age & over (45%). However, corresponding with the increase in employment was an increased desire for wage employment, which is reflected in the increase in the number of unemployed (1,570 persons in 1981 to 4,075 persons in 1996).

Overall, examining the employment to population ratio (percent of population 15 years of age and over with a job) shows an increase from 59.4% in 1981 to 64.0% in 1996. Increases in the employment to population ratio were most significant in the age categories over 30 years of age. For those between 15 and 29 years of age the employment ratio declined slightly over the 15 year period. However, it should be noted that in addition to indicating the difficulty of youth in entering the labour market, this could also reflect increased participation in secondary and post-secondary education programs.

Results from the 1996 census indicate that there were 3,120 more persons employed in 1996 than in 1991. Table 96.2 provides the key labour force measures for 1991 and 1996 for each region and community. Examining the increases in employment by region reveals that during the five year period employment increased by 930 in the Baffin Region, 530 in the Keewatin Region, 415 in the Kitikmeot Region, 245 in the Inuvik Region, and 995 in the Fort Smith Region. While the overall employment-population ratio was 64.0% for the Northwest Territories, the lowest rate was found in Rae Lakes at 33.3%, while the highest rate was found in Nanisivik at 95.3%.

On average, the population 15 years and over, worked 38.2 weeks during the calendar year prior to the 1996 census. Since the 1981 Census this average has increased by 6% from 36.2 weeks. Overall 63% of the employed labour force, 15 years and older that worked, reported working full-time in 1996 compared to 62% measured in 1981. During the week prior to the 1996 census the employed population 15 years and over worked on average 39.4 hours per week. This compares to 40.2 hours per week in 1981. In total 79% of the employed population 15 years and over reported working 30 hours or more per week in 1996 compared to 80% in 1981.

The proportion of the workforce composed of self-employed individuals has steadily increased over the past 15 years from 5.1% in 1981 to 8.2% in 1996. In 1996 there were a total of 2,590 self-employed persons in the Northwest Territories.

Table 96.6 provides data on changes in the experienced labour force by occupation group. For general categories of occupation, the largest number of new jobs created between 1991 and 1996 were in occupations related to sales and service where a total of 1,100 new jobs were formed. Occupations unique to primary industry and management occupations showed almost no change between 1991 and 1996. For more specific occupation categories, large increases were noted for teachers and professors at 470 new jobs, while trades helpers, construction and transportation labourers saw the largest loss, at 165 jobs.

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Changes in the experienced labour force by industry presented in Table 96.7 reveals that the health and social service industries created the most new jobs between 1991 and 1996 at 1,080. This was followed closely by educational service industries at 925 new jobs. Other large increases can be seen in the private sector service industries like retail and wholesale trade, business services, accommodation, food & beverage services, and other service industries.

Government administrative services saw the largest decrease between 1991 and 1996, suffering a net loss of 1,935 jobs. Goods producing industries such as mining, oil & gas, and construction showed very little job growth between 1991 and 1996.

Comparisons of Nunavut and the Western NWT show some major differences in the labour force characteristics for the two regions. Nunavut had an unemployment rate of 15.3%, at the time of the 1996 census, compared to 11.7% for the Western NWT. The proportion of the population 15 years and over that was employed for the two regions was also quite different. In Nunavut the percentage was 56% compared to 68% for the Western NWT. However, the increase in employment was largest in Nunavut where 1,840 more persons were employed in 1996 compared to 1991. By comparison, there were 1,280 more employed persons in the Western NWT during the 1991 to 1996 period.

The labour force by industry was very similar for the two regions. The only major difference was found in the educational service industry which made up 13% of the labour force in Nunavut compared to 8% in the Western NWT. The distribution of the labour force by occupation was also quite similar. The only significant difference could be found in the percentage of the labour force employed in business, finance and administrative occupations, which made up 13% of the Nunavut labour force compared to 18% in the Western NWT.

**Table 96.1 Population 15 Years and Older, by Age and Employment Status
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1981**

	Total	15 - 19 Years	20 - 24 Years	25 - 29 Years	30 - 34 Years	35 - 39 Years	40 - 44 Years	45 - 49 Years	50 - 54 Years	55 - 59 Years	60 - 64 Years	65 Yrs. & Over
Population 15 Years and Older												
1996	43,150	5,325	4,975	5,955	6,230	5,440	4,350	3,765	2,375	1,690	1,190	1,835
1991	38,555	4,730	5,360	6,110	5,570	4,620	3,840	2,540	1,870	1,445	970	1,495
1986	34,930	5,095	5,365	5,495	4,880	4,040	2,835	2,090	1,685	1,260	780	1,410
1981	29,665	5,015	4,690	4,760	4,040	2,730	2,140	1,800	1,430	1,070	685	1,295
Labour Force												
1996	31,670	2,045	3,570	4,830	5,310	4,755	3,870	3,300	1,910	1,175	590	315
1991	28,225	1,755	3,920	5,080	4,835	4,100	3,415	2,105	1,385	940	475	225
1986	24,370	1,975	3,945	4,470	4,145	3,410	2,335	1,535	1,180	800	380	190
1981	19,180	1,975	3,410	3,650	3,150	2,070	1,550	1,230	920	665	325	230
Employed												
1996	27,595	1,575	2,770	4,055	4,670	4,285	3,565	3,055	1,750	1,070	520	285
1991	24,475	1,355	3,035	4,325	4,300	3,735	3,120	1,885	1,240	840	430	210
1986	20,950	1,330	3,125	3,900	3,730	3,080	2,105	1,375	1,080	705	340	175
1981	17,615	1,620	3,010	3,390	2,965	1,950	1,485	1,165	865	630	305	220
Unemployed												
1996	4,075	470	800	775	645	475	300	240	165	110	75	20
1991	3,750	400	890	755	535	365	290	220	140	95	45	15
1986	3,420	650	820	570	410	330	230	160	105	95	35	10
1981	1,570	355	400	260	185	115	70	65	55	30	20	10
Not in the Labour Force												
1996	11,480	3,280	1,410	1,130	925	685	480	470	465	510	600	1,525
1991	10,325	2,980	1,440	1,030	740	520	430	430	480	505	500	1,270
1986	10,560	3,115	1,415	1,020	740	625	505	555	500	460	400	1,220
1981	10,485	3,040	1,270	1,110	890	660	595	570	515	410	355	1,060
Participation Rate												
1996	73.4	38.4	71.8	81.1	85.2	87.4	89.0	87.6	80.4	69.5	49.6	17.2
1991	73.2	37.1	73.1	83.1	86.8	88.7	88.9	82.9	74.1	65.1	49.0	15.1
1986	69.8	38.8	73.5	81.3	84.9	84.4	82.4	73.4	70.0	63.5	48.7	13.5
1981	64.7	39.4	72.7	76.7	78.0	75.8	72.4	68.3	64.3	62.1	47.4	17.8
Unemployment Rate												
1996	12.9	23.0	22.4	16.0	12.1	10.0	7.8	7.3	8.6	9.4	12.7	6.3
1991	13.3	22.8	22.7	14.9	11.1	8.9	8.5	10.5	10.1	10.1	9.5	6.7
1986	14.0	32.9	20.8	12.8	9.9	9.7	9.9	10.4	8.9	11.9	9.2	5.3
1981	8.2	18.0	11.7	7.1	5.9	5.6	4.5	5.3	6.0	4.5	6.2	4.3
Employment-Population Ratio												
1996	64.0	29.6	55.7	68.1	75.0	78.8	82.0	81.1	73.7	63.3	43.7	15.5
1991	63.5	28.6	56.6	70.8	77.2	80.8	81.2	74.2	66.3	58.1	44.3	14.0
1986	60.0	26.1	58.2	71.0	76.4	76.2	74.3	65.8	64.1	56.0	43.6	12.4
1981	59.4	32.3	64.2	71.2	73.4	71.4	69.4	64.7	60.5	58.9	44.5	17.0

Figure 96.1 Labour Force Activity
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1981

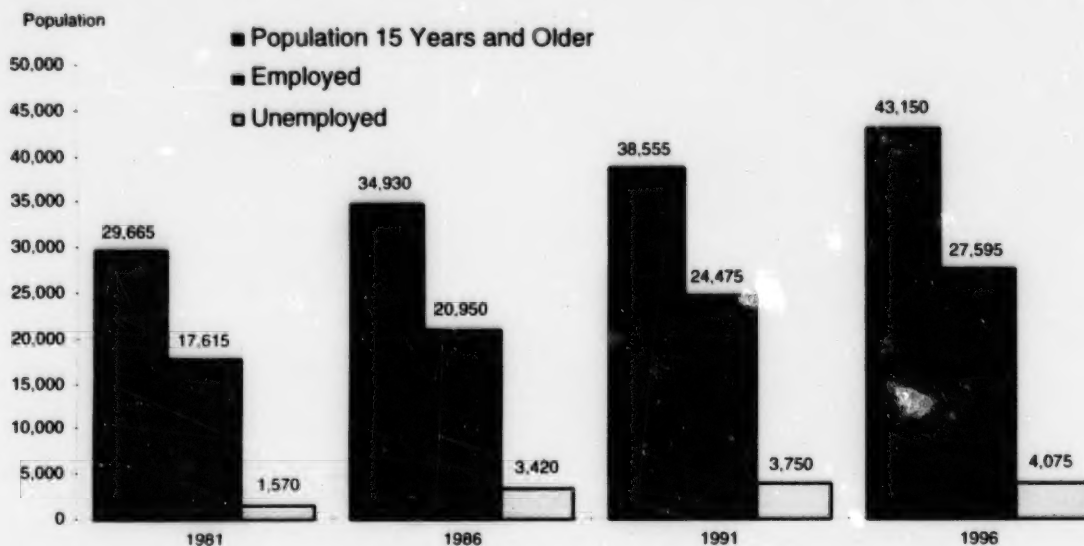


Figure 96.2 Labour Force Activity
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1981

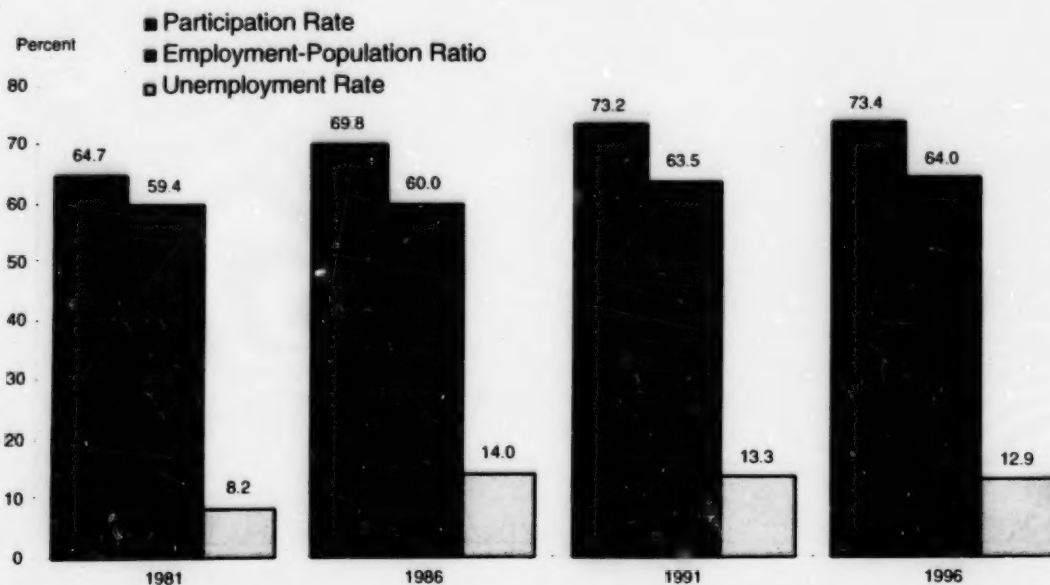


Table 96.2 Population 15 Years & Over, by Labour Force Activity
Northwest Territories, Regions and Communities, Census Years 1996 - 91

		Popul. 15 & Over	Labour Force	Emp- loyed	Unemp- loyed	Part. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Emp. Rate	Change in Emp.
Northwest Territories	1996	43,150	31,670	27,595	4,075	73.4	12.9	64.0	3,120
	1991	38,550	28,230	24,475	3,750	73.2	13.3	63.5	
Nunavut	1996	15,185	10,070	8,510	1,545	66.3	15.3	56.0	1,840
	1991	12,870	8,160	6,670	1,485	63.4	18.2	51.8	
Western NWT	1996	27,965	21,600	19,085	2,530	77.2	11.7	68.2	1,280
	1991	25,680	20,070	17,805	2,265	78.2	11.3	69.3	
Baffin Region	1996	8,280	5,605	4,830	770	67.7	13.7	58.3	930
	1991	6,960	4,615	3,900	710	66.3	15.4	56.0	
Arctic Bay	1996	360	210	170	40	58.3	19.0	47.2	45
	1991	275	155	125	30	56.4	19.4	45.5	
Broughton Island	1996	315	165	125	35	52.4	21.2	39.7	-10
	1991	280	170	135	35	60.7	20.6	48.2	
Cape Dorset	1996	655	390	345	50	59.5	12.8	52.7	95
	1991	550	300	250	50	54.5	16.7	45.5	
Clyde River	1996	400	250	175	70	62.5	28.0	43.8	45
	1991	310	180	130	50	58.1	27.8	41.9	
Grise Fiord	1996	85	70	65	10	82.4	14.3	76.5	10
	1991	80	65	55	10	81.3	15.4	68.8	
Hall Beach	1996	315	160	125	35	50.8	21.9	39.7	5
	1991	300	155	120	30	51.7	19.4	40.0	
Igloolik	1996	680	345	275	70	50.7	20.3	40.4	80
	1991	540	265	195	70	49.1	26.4	36.1	
Iqaluit	1996	2,890	2,300	2,060	240	79.6	10.4	71.3	375
	1991	2,405	1,855	1,685	170	77.1	9.2	70.1	
Kimmirut	1996	240	160	140	15	66.7	9.4	58.3	20
	1991	210	140	120	20	66.7	14.3	57.1	
Nanisivik	1996	215	205	205	-	95.3	-	95.3	45
	1991	190	165	160	10	86.8	6.1	84.2	
Pangnirtung	1996	750	470	390	75	62.7	16.0	52.0	65
	1991	680	465	325	140	68.4	30.1	47.8	
Pond Inlet	1996	630	375	280	95	59.5	25.3	44.4	40
	1991	520	320	240	75	61.5	23.4	46.2	
Resolute Bay	1996	130	95	90	10	73.1	10.5	69.2	10
	1991	120	90	80	10	75.0	11.1	66.7	
Sanikiluaq	1996	360	200	180	20	55.6	10.0	50.0	45
	1991	315	150	135	10	47.6	6.7	42.9	

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Northwest Territories, Regions and Communities, Census Years 1996 - 91

		Popul. 15 & Over	Labour Force	Emp- loyed	Unemp- loyed	Part. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Emp. Rate	Change in Emp
Keewatin Region	1996	4,085	2,680	2,180	495	65.6	18.5	53.4	530
	1991	3,475	2,070	1,650	420	59.6	20.3	47.5	
Arviat	1996	885	525	365	160	59.3	30.5	41.2	75
	1991	780	405	290	110	51.9	27.2	37.2	
Baker Lake	1996	830	455	380	75	54.8	16.5	45.8	40
	1991	750	415	340	80	55.3	19.3	45.3	
Chesterfield Inlet	1996	190	120	90	30	63.2	25.0	47.4	-15
	1991	185	125	105	20	67.6	16.0	56.8	
Coral Harbour	1996	380	250	205	45	65.8	18.0	53.9	65
	1991	315	195	140	55	61.9	28.2	44.4	
Rankin Inlet	1996	1,315	1,010	875	140	76.8	13.9	66.5	260
	1991	1,045	725	615	110	69.4	15.2	58.9	
Repulse Bay	1996	310	210	175	30	67.7	14.3	56.5	90
	1991	260	115	85	30	44.2	26.1	32.7	
Whale Cove	1996	170	105	85	15	61.8	14.3	50.0	5
	1991	140	85	80	15	60.7	17.6	57.1	
Kitikmeot Region	1996	3,080	1,960	1,660	295	63.6	15.1	53.9	415
	1991	2,665	1,625	1,245	380	61.0	23.4	46.7	
Bay Chimo	1996	35	20	15	-	57.1	-	42.9	5
	1991	40	15	10	10	37.5	66.7	25.0	
Cambridge Bay	1996	865	635	580	50	73.4	7.9	67.1	160
	1991	705	500	420	80	70.9	16.0	59.6	
Gjoa Haven	1996	505	275	195	80	54.5	29.1	38.6	20
	1991	445	260	175	85	58.4	32.7	39.3	
Holman	1996	260	175	160	15	67.3	8.6	61.5	35
	1991	230	150	125	25	65.2	16.7	54.3	
Kugluktuk	1996	745	470	395	70	63.1	14.9	53.0	130
	1991	655	380	265	110	58.0	28.9	40.5	
Pelly Bay	1996	275	155	120	35	56.4	22.6	43.6	30
	1991	230	130	90	35	56.5	26.9	39.1	
Taloyoak	1996	375	230	185	45	61.3	19.6	49.3	35
	1991	345	180	150	35	52.2	19.4	43.5	

Table 96.2 Population 15 Years & Over, by Labour Force Activity
Northwest Territories, Regions and Communities, Census Years 1996 - 91

		Popul. 15 & Over	Labour Force	Emp- loyed	Unemp- loyed	Part. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Emp. Rate	Change in Emp.
Inuvik Region	1996	6,020	4,260	3,590	660	70.8	15.5	59.6	245
	1991	5,740	4,085	3,345	740	71.2	18.1	58.3	
Aklavik	1996	465	295	225	75	63.4	25.4	48.4	20
	1991	490	325	205	120	66.3	36.9	41.8	
Colville Lake	1996	55	40	35	-	72.7	-	63.6	15
	1991	50	25	20	10	50.0	40.0	40.0	
Deline	1996	395	240	180	60	60.8	25.0	45.6	30
	1991	365	190	150	40	52.1	21.1	41.1	
Fort Good Hope	1996	410	260	215	45	63.4	17.3	52.4	55
	1991	375	215	160	55	57.3	25.6	42.7	
Fort McPherson	1996	590	385	300	85	65.3	22.1	50.8	75
	1991	505	315	225	90	62.4	28.6	44.6	
Inuvik	1996	2,300	1,765	1,575	195	76.7	11.0	68.5	-40
	1991	2,275	1,810	1,615	190	79.6	10.5	71.0	
Norman Wells	1996	560	505	475	35	90.2	6.9	84.8	110
	1991	450	390	365	20	86.7	5.1	81.1	
Paulatuk	1996	150	85	70	20	56.7	23.5	46.7	-5
	1991	140	95	75	20	67.9	21.1	53.6	
Sachs Harbour	1996	85	65	65	10	76.5	15.4	76.5	5
	1991	80	65	60	-	81.3	-	75.0	
Tsiigehtchic	1996	105	65	55	10	61.9	15.4	52.4	20
	1991	90	55	35	20	61.1	36.4	38.9	
Tuktoyaktuk	1996	610	335	245	90	54.9	26.9	40.2	-15
	1991	600	395	260	135	65.8	34.2	43.3	
Tulita	1996	285	195	155	45	68.4	23.1	54.4	40
	1991	250	155	115	35	62.0	22.6	46.0	

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		Popul 15 & Over	Labour Force	Emp- loyed	Unemp- loyed	Part Rate	Unemp. Rate	Emp Rate	Change in Emp.
Fort Smith Region	1996	21,685	17,170	15,325	1,850	79.2	10.8	70.7	995
	1991	19,710	15,835	14,330	1,505	80.3	9.5	72.7	
Detah	1996	120	70	55	15	58.3	21.4	45.8	15
	1991	100	55	40	20	55.0	36.4	40.0	
Enterprise	1996	55	50	45	-	90.9	-	81.8	25
	1991	35	25	20	-	71.4	-	57.1	
Fort Liard	1996	345	215	170	40	62.3	18.6	49.3	-5
	1991	315	220	175	45	69.8	20.5	55.6	
Fort Providence	1996	535	370	255	115	69.2	31.1	47.7	60
	1991	455	275	195	80	60.4	29.1	42.9	
Fort Resolution	1996	370	230	165	65	62.2	28.3	44.6	35
	1991	355	210	130	75	59.2	35.7	36.6	
Fort Simpson	1996	905	690	565	125	76.2	18.1	62.4	70
	1991	815	575	495	80	70.6	13.9	60.7	
Fort Smith	1996	1,735	1,310	1,145	160	75.5	12.2	66.0	-55
	1991	1,745	1,330	1,200	130	76.2	9.8	68.8	
Hay River	1996	2,535	2,040	1,785	255	80.5	12.5	70.4	30
	1991	2,345	1,945	1,755	190	82.9	9.8	74.8	
Hay River Reserve	1996	160	105	80	25	65.6	23.8	50.0	10
	1991	140	80	70	10	57.1	12.5	50.0	
Jean Marie River	1996	40	30	15	10	75.0	33.3	37.5	-5
	1991	35	25	20	-	71.4	-	57.1	
Lutselk'e	1996	210	115	95	15	54.8	13.0	45.2	15
	1991	185	115	80	30	62.2	26.1	43.2	
Nahanni Butte	1996	55	40	30	10	72.7	25.0	54.5	5
	1991	60	35	25	15	58.3	42.9	41.7	
Rae Lakes	1996	165	90	55	35	54.5	38.9	33.3	-15
	1991	160	90	70	20	56.3	22.2	43.8	
Rae-Edzo	1996	1,070	540	365	175	50.5	32.4	34.1	15
	1991	975	540	350	190	55.4	35.2	35.9	
Snare Lake	1996	90	55	40	15	61.1	27.3	44.4	-
	1991	80	45	40	10	56.3	22.2	50.0	
Trout Lake	1996	60	35	30	10	58.3	28.6	50.0	-
	1991	50	40	30	10	80.0	25.0	60.0	
Wha Ti	1996	280	175	130	50	62.5	28.6	46.4	40
	1991	235	145	90	55	61.7	37.9	38.3	
Wrigley	1996	115	75	50	20	65.2	26.7	43.5	-15
	1991	120	85	65	25	70.8	29.4	54.2	
Yellowknife	1996	12,700	10,845	10,155	690	85.4	6.4	80.0	920
	1991	11,140	9,730	9,235	500	87.3	5.1	82.9	

**Table 96.3 Population 15 Years and Over,
by Weeks Worked in Previous Year
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1981**

	1996	(%)	1991	(%)	1986	(%)	1981	(%)
Population 15 and Over	43,150	100.0	38,550	100.0	34,930	100.0	29,665	100.0
Did Not Work	9,540	22.1	8,125	21.1	8,715	24.9	7,470	25.2
Worked	33,610	77.9	30,425	78.9	26,215	75.1	22,195	74.8
1 - 13 weeks	5,275	12.2	4,895	12.7	4,560	13.1	4,040	13.6
14 - 26 weeks	4,725	11.0	4,380	11.4	4,060	11.6	3,215	10.8
27 - 39 weeks	2,600	6.0	2,380	6.2	1,970	5.6	2,115	7.1
40 - 48 weeks	3,075	7.1	2,665	6.9	2,540	7.3	3,005	10.1
49 - 52 weeks	17,940	41.6	16,110	41.8	13,085	37.5	9,825	33.1
Average Weeks Worked	38.2		38.0		36.9		36.2	
Worked Full-Time	27,230	63.1	25,415	65.9	21,930	62.8	18,325	61.8
Worked Part-Time	6,375	14.8	5,010	13.0	4,280	12.3	3,870	13.0

**Table 96.4 Labour Force, by Hours Worked a Week Prior to the Census
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1981**

	1996	(%)	1991	(%)	1986	(%)	1981	(%)
Employed Labour Force	27,595	100.0	24,480	100.0	20,950	100.0	17,610	100.0
No Hours Worked	1,120	4.1	1,000	4.1	885	4.2	1,135	6.4
Persons with Hours Worked	26,470	95.9	23,470	95.9	20,065	95.8	16,480	93.6
Less than 30 Hours (Part-Time)	4,595	16.7	3,435	14.0	2,670	12.7	2,300	13.1
1-19 Hours	2,745	9.9	2,095	8.6	1,550	7.4	1,400	8.0
20-29 Hours	1,850	6.7	1,340	5.5	1,120	5.3	905	5.1
30 Hours or More (Full-Time)	21,880	79.3	20,040	81.9	17,390	83.0	14,180	80.5
30-39 Hours	6,280	22.8	6,295	25.7	5,150	24.6	3,910	22.2
40 Hours	8,330	30.2	7,800	31.9	6,645	31.7	5,780	32.8
41-49 Hours	2,175	7.9	1,910	7.8	1,620	7.7	1,590	9.0
50 Hours or More	5,100	18.5	4,030	16.5	3,980	19.0	2,895	16.4
Average Hours Worked	39.4		39.6		40.9		40.2	

Table 96.5 Labour Force 15 and Over, by Type of Worker
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1981

	1996	(%)	1991	(%)	1986	(%)	1981	(%)
Labour Force 15 and Over	31,670	100.0	28,230	100.0	24,365	100.0	19,180	100.0
Employees	28,025	88.5	25,590	90.6	22,110	90.7	17,900	93.3
Total Self-Employed	2,590	8.2	1,860	6.6	1,415	5.8	985	5.1
Incorporated	735	2.3	610	2.2	520	2.1	395	2.1
Without Paid Help	255	0.8	105	0.4	115	0.5	85	0.4
With Paid Help	485	1.5	505	1.8	405	1.7	310	1.6
Unincorporated	1,855	5.9	1,250	4.4	895	3.7	590	3.1
Without Paid Help	1,470	4.6	965	3.4	625	2.6	425	2.2
With Paid Help	385	1.2	285	1.0	275	1.1	160	0.8
Unpaid Family Worker	35	0.1	30	0.1	25	0.1	25	0.1
Not Applicable	1,010	3.2	750	2.7	815	3.3	270	1.4

Note: Not Applicable refers to individuals in the labour force that did not work from January 1, 1995 to May 14, 1996. This group is generally referred to as the unexperienced labour force.

Figure 96.3 Labour Force 15 and Over, by Type of Worker
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1981

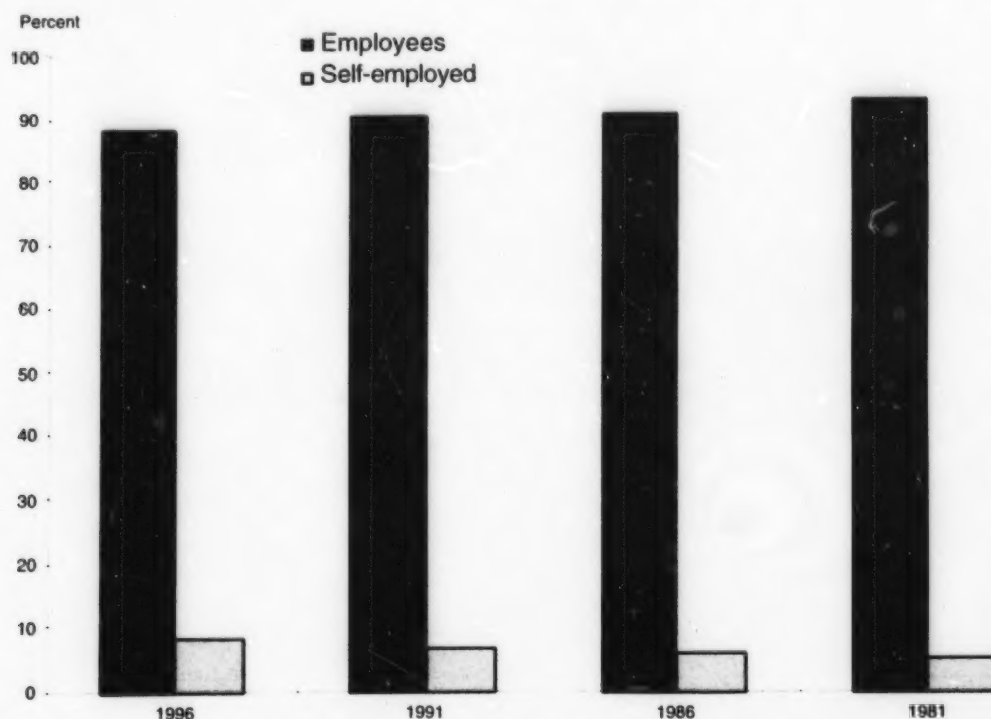


Table 96.6 Experienced Labour Force 15 and Over, by Occupation
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1991

	1996	(%)	1991	(%)	Difference
All Occupations	30,655	100.0	27,480	100.0	3,175
Management Occupations	3,200	10.4	3,195	11.6	5
Senior Management Occupations	575	1.9	455	1.7	120
Specialist Managers	610	2.0	690	2.5	-80
Managers in Retail Trade, Food and Accommodation Services	900	2.9	830	3.0	70
Other Managers n.e.c.	1,110	3.6	1,220	4.4	-110
Business, Finance and Administrative Occupations	5,225	17.0	4,780	17.4	445
Professional Occupations in Business and Finance	410	1.3	290	1.1	120
Finance and Insurance Administrative Occupations	305	1.0	275	1.0	30
Secretaries	845	2.8	995	3.6	-150
Administrative and Regulatory Occupations	760	2.5	620	2.3	140
Clerical Supervisors	170	0.6	205	0.7	-35
Clerical Occupations	2,735	8.9	2,390	8.7	345
Natural and Applied Sciences and Related Occupations	1,600	5.2	1,465	5.3	135
Professional Occupations in Natural and Applied Sciences	645	2.1	535	1.9	110
Technical Occupations Related to Natural and Applied Sciences	955	3.1	930	3.4	25
Health Occupations	1,105	3.6	855	3.1	250
Professional Occupations in Health	165	0.5	125	0.5	40
Nurse Supervisors and Registered Nurses	480	1.6	420	1.5	60
Technical and Related Occupations in Health	210	0.7	180	0.7	30
Assisting Occupations in Support of Health Services	245	0.8	135	0.5	110
Occupations in Social Science, Education, Government Service and Religion	3,465	11.3	2,750	10.0	715
Judges, Lawyers, Psychologists, Social Workers, Ministers of Religion, Policy and Program Officers	1,215	4.0	1,025	3.7	190
Teachers and Professors	1,800	5.9	1,330	4.8	470
Paralegals, Social Services Workers and Occupations in Education and Religion n.e.c.	455	1.5	395	1.4	60
Occupations in Art, Culture, Recreation and Sport	1,220	4.0	990	3.6	230
Professional Occupations in Art and Culture	515	1.7	460	1.7	55
Technical Occupations in Art, Culture, Recreation and Sport	710	2.3	530	1.9	180

continued

Note: Experienced labour force refers to individuals in the labour force that worked during the period from January 1, 1995 to May 14, 1996.

Table 96.6 Labour Force 15 and Over, by Occupation
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1991

	1996	(%)	1991	(%)	Difference
Sales and Service Occupations	7,555	24.6	6,455	23.5	1,100
Sales and Service Supervisors	190	0.6	155	0.6	35
Sales Specialists, and Retail, Wholesale and Grain Buyers	165	0.5	125	0.5	40
Retail Salespersons and Sales Clerks	565	1.8	535	1.9	30
Cashiers	765	2.5	570	2.1	195
Chefs and Cooks	505	1.6	405	1.5	100
Occupations in Food and Beverage Service	380	1.2	280	1.0	100
Occupations in Protective Services	845	2.8	825	3.0	20
Travel and Accommodation Including Attendants in Recreation and Sport	470	1.5	330	1.2	140
Childcare and Home Support Workers	1,155	3.8	995	3.6	160
Sales and Service Occupations n.e.c.	2,510	8.2	2,230	8.1	280
Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators and Related Occupations	5,365	17.5	5,205	18.9	160
Contractors and Supervisors in Trades and Transportation	320	1.0	395	1.4	-75
Construction Trades	1,095	3.6	965	3.5	130
Stationary Engineers, Power Station Operators and Electrical Trades and Telecommunications	440	1.4	440	1.6	-
Machinists, Metal Forming, Shaping and Erecting Occupations	30	0.1	30	0.1	-
Mechanics	665	2.2	605	2.2	60
Other Trades n.e.c.	145	0.5	90	0.3	55
Heavy Equipment and Crane Operators Including Drillers	555	1.8	575	2.1	-20
Transportation Equipment Operators and Related Workers, Excluding Labourers	1,130	3.7	955	3.5	175
Trades Helpers, Construction, and Transportation Labourers and Related Occupations	990	3.2	1,155	4.2	-165
Occupations Unique to Primary Industry	1,375	4.5	1,370	5.0	5
Occupations Unique to Agriculture Excluding Labourers	50	0.2	45	0.2	5
Unique to Forestry Operations, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction, and Fishing, Excluding Labourers	1,110	3.6	1,120	4.1	-10
Primary Production Labourers	210	0.7	210	0.8	-
Occupations Unique to Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	545	1.8	410	1.5	135
Supervisors in Manufacturing	60	0.2	35	0.1	25
Machine Operators in Manufacturing	370	1.2	315	1.1	55
Assemblers in Manufacturing	25	0.1	15	0.1	10
Labourers in Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	95	0.3	40	0.1	55

Note: Experienced labour force refers to individuals in the labour force that worked during the period from January 1, 1995 to May 14, 1996.

Table 96.7 Experienced Labour Force 15 and Over, by Major Industry
Northwest Territories, Census Years 1996 - 1986

	1996	(%)	1991	(%)	1986	(%)	Difference 91 to 96
All Industries	30,660	100.0	27,475	100.0	23,555	100.0	3,185
Agricultural and Related Service Industries	60	0.2	50	0.2	60	0.3	10
Fishing and Trapping Industries	285	0.9	375	1.4	245	1.0	-90
Logging and Forestry Industries	355	1.2	190	0.7	160	0.7	165
Mining (Including Milling), Quarrying and Oil Well Industries	1,540	5.0	1,415	5.2	2,300	9.8	125
Mining Industries	1,290	4.2	1,180	4.3	1,630	6.9	110
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industries	65	0.2	35	0.1	415	1.8	30
Quarry and Sand Pit Industries	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Service Industries Incidental to Mineral Extraction	185	0.6	195	0.7	255	1.1	-10
Manufacturing Industries	475	1.5	380	1.4	340	1.4	95
Construction Industries	2,085	6.8	2,020	7.4	1,570	6.7	65
Transportation and Storage Industries	2,080	6.8	1,750	6.4	1,830	7.8	330
Communication and Other Utility Industries	1,340	4.4	1,140	4.1	965	4.1	200
Wholesale Trade Industries	665	2.2	400	1.5	420	1.8	265
Retail Trade Industries	3,145	10.3	2,750	10.0	2,325	9.9	395
Finance and Insurance Industries	425	1.4	410	1.5	365	1.5	15
Real Estate Operator and Insurance Agent Industries	775	2.5	310	1.1	480	2.0	465
Real Estate Operator Industries (Except Developers)	710	2.3	200	0.7	410	1.7	510
Insurance and Real Estate Agent Industries	65	0.2	110	0.4	70	0.3	-45
Business Service Industries	1,065	3.5	850	3.1	585	2.5	215
Government Service Industries	6,545	21.3	8,480	30.9	5,700	24.2	-1,935
Federal Government Service Industries	1,370	4.5	1,390	5.1	1,640	7.0	-20
Provincial and Territorial Government Service Industries	2,955	9.6	4,545	16.5	2,515	10.7	-1,590
Local Government Service Industries	2,225	7.3	2,545	9.3	1,535	6.5	-320
International and Other Extra-Territorial Government Service Industries	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Educational Service Industries	3,025	9.9	2,100	7.6	1,980	8.4	925
Health and Social Service Industries	2,935	9.6	1,855	6.8	1,360	5.8	1,080
Accommodation, Food and Beverage Service Industries	1,775	5.8	1,425	5.2	1,305	5.5	350
Accommodation Service Industries	905	3.0	870	3.2	785	3.3	35
Food and Beverage Service Industries	865	2.8	545	2.0	525	2.2	320
Other Service Industries	2,090	6.8	1,575	5.7	1,555	6.6	515
Amusement and Recreational Service Industries	270	0.9	145	0.5	190	0.8	125
Personal and Household Service Industries	445	1.5	475	1.7	325	1.4	-30
Membership Organization Industries	515	1.7	330	1.2	400	1.7	185
Other Service Industries	860	2.8	625	2.3	640	2.7	235

Table 96.8 Selected Labour Force Characteristics
Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Western NWT, Census 1996

	Northwest Territories		Nunavut		Western NWT	
	Count	(%)	Count	(%)	Count	(%)
Total Population 15 Years and Over	43,150		15,185		27,965	
In the Labour Force	31,670		10,070		21,600	
Employed	27,595		8,510		19,085	
Unemployed	4,075		1,545		2,530	
Not in the Labour Force	11,480		5,120		6,360	
Participation Rate	73.4		66.3		77.2	
Unemployment Rate	12.9		15.3		11.7	
Employment-Population Ratio	64.0		56.0		68.2	
Labour Force by Industry	31,665	100.0	10,065	100.0	21,600	100.0
Agricultural and Related Service	60	0.2	-	-	60	0.3
Fishing and Trapping	285	0.9	145	1.4	140	0.6
Logging and Forestry	355	1.1	-	-	355	1.6
Mining, Quarrying and Oil Well	1,540	4.9	445	4.4	1,095	5.1
Manufacturing	475	1.5	125	1.2	350	1.6
Construction	2,085	6.6	645	6.4	1,440	6.7
Business Service	1,065	3.4	140	1.4	925	4.3
Educational Service	3,025	9.6	1,350	13.4	1,675	7.8
Health and Social Service	2,935	9.3	820	8.1	2,115	9.8
Transportation and Storage	2,075	6.6	480	4.8	1,595	7.4
Communication and Other Utility	1,340	4.2	515	5.1	825	3.8
Wholesale Trade	665	2.1	140	1.4	525	2.4
Retail Trade	3,140	9.9	1,155	11.5	1,985	9.2
Finance and Insurance	420	1.3	45	0.4	375	1.7
Real Estate and Insurance	775	2.4	315	3.1	460	2.1
Government Service	6,550	20.7	2,000	19.9	4,550	21.1
Accommodation, Food and Beverage	1,770	5.6	455	4.5	1,315	6.1
Other Service	2,090	6.6	790	7.8	1,300	6.0
Not Applicable	1,010	3.2	485	4.8	525	2.4
Labour Force by Occupation	31,670	100.0	10,055	100.0	21,615	100.0
Management	3,195	10.1	900	9.0	2,295	10.6
Business, Finance and Administrative	5,225	16.5	1,300	12.9	3,925	18.2
Natural and Applied Sciences	1,595	5.0	285	2.8	1,310	6.1
Health	1,105	3.5	250	2.5	855	4.0
Social Science, Education, Government and Religion	3,470	11.0	1,300	12.9	2,170	10.0
Art, Culture, Recreation and Sport	1,225	3.9	635	6.3	590	2.7
Sales and Service	7,560	23.9	2,505	24.9	5,055	23.4
Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators	5,365	16.9	1,920	19.1	3,445	15.9
Unique to Primary Industry	1,375	4.3	255	2.5	1,120	5.2
Unique to Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	550	1.7	195	1.9	355	1.6
Not Applicable	1,015	3.2	490	4.9	525	2.4
Labour Force by Type of Worker	31,670	100.0	10,065	100.0	21,605	100.0
Employees	28,030	88.5	8,850	87.9	19,180	88.8
Self-Employed	2,585	8.2	710	7.1	1,885	8.7
Unpaid Family Workers	35	0.1	-	-	35	0.2
Not Applicable	1,010	3.2	480	4.8	530	2.5

Definitions

Age

- Refers to the age at last birthday (as of the census reference date, May 14, 1996).

Employed

- Refers to persons who, during the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day:
 - did any work at all for pay or in self-employment; or
 - were absent from their job or business for the entire week because of vacation, illness, a labour dispute at their place of work or other reasons.

Full-time or Part-time Weeks

- Refers to persons who worked for pay or in self-employment in 1995. These persons were asked to report whether the weeks they worked in 1995 were full-time weeks (30 hours or more per week) or not, on the basis of all jobs held. Persons with a part-time job for part of the year and a full-time job for another part of the year were to report the information for the job at which they worked the most weeks.

Hours Worked

- Refers to the actual number of hours that persons worked for pay or in self-employment at all jobs held in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day

Industry

- Refers to the general nature of the business carried out in the establishment where the person worked, as indicated by the name of the employer and the kind of business, industry or service.

Not in Labour Force

- Refers to those persons who, in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day (May 14, 1996), were neither employed nor unemployed. It includes persons who did not work for pay or in self-employment in the week prior to enumeration and (a) did not look for paid work in the four weeks prior to enumeration, (b) were not on temporary lay-off and (c) did not have a new job to start in four weeks or less. It also includes persons who looked for work during the last four weeks but were not available to start work in the week prior to enumeration.

Occupation

- Refers to the kind of work persons were doing during the reference week, as determined by their kind of work and the description of the most important duties in their job

Participation Rate

- Refers to the total labour force in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day, expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over, excluding institutional residents.

Total Labour Force

- Refers to all persons who were either employed or unemployed during the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day.

Unemployed

- Refers to persons who, during the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day, were without paid work and were available for work and either (a) had actively looked for work in the past four weeks; or (b) were on temporary lay-off and expected to return to their job; or (c) had definite arrangements to start a new job in four weeks or less.

Unemployment Rate

- Refers to the unemployed labour force expressed as a percentage of the total labour force in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day

Symbols & Abbreviations

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